LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 22, 24, 39 and 41, as set forth below, and cancel claim 43 (without prejudice). The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for guiding a user in the capture of digital images in a digital camera, comprising:

    providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates;

    activating, in response to the selection of an image template, a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; and

    capturing, in response to an input, a digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein each image template has an associated sample image.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2, wherein the digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context replaces the sample image associated with the selected image template.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    presenting the collection of image templates as browseable graphics on a display of the digital camera.

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Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting the collection of image templates in at least one of a textual list and a graphical list on a display of the digital camera.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

indicating for which image templates a digital image has already been captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises displaying a textual title of the selected image template in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises displaying a thumbnail image of the associated sample image in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

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Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises faintly superimposing the associated sample image over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    providing, on a display of the digital camera, textual instructions for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 11, wherein the textual instructions are superimposed over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 11, wherein the textual instructions are displayed separately from a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 14 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    providing audible instructions in the digital camera for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    composing automatically a photo album comprising, for each of at least one image template, one of a sample image associated with that image template and a digital image captured in the image capture context corresponding to that image template.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the photo album is composed in the digital camera.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the photo album is composed on a device external to the digital camera.

Claim 18 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates comprises downloading the collection of image templates to the digital camera from an external device.

Claim 19 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein the collection of image templates has a theme.

Claim 20 (original). The method of claim 19, wherein the theme is a place.

Claim 21 (original). The method of claim 19, wherein the theme is a special event.

Claim 22 (currently amended). A method for guiding a user in the capture of digital images in a digital camera, comprising providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to the user selecting an image template.

Claim 23 (original). The method of claim 22, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

an imaging module to convert optical images to digital images; and

a memory to store a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in which a digital image may be captured by the imaging module, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to a user selecting an image template from among the collection of image templates.

Claim 25 (original). The digital camera of claim 24, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 26 (original). A digital camera, comprising:

a memory to store a collection of image templates;

image template control logic configured to activate, in response to the selection of an image template, a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; and

an imaging module to capture, in response to an input, a digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 27 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein each image template has an associated sample image.

Claim 28 (original). The digital camera of claim 27, wherein the image template control logic is configured to replace the associated sample image with the digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 29 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, further comprising:

a communication interface through which to receive the collection of image templates from an external device.

Claim 30 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is configured to indicate on the display which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 31 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein the image template control logic is configured to display a textual title of the selected image template in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 32 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and the image template control logic is configured to display a thumbnail image of the associated sample image in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 33 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and the image template control logic is configured to superimpose faintly the associated sample image over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 34 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is further configured to provide instructions for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 35 (original).   The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is further configured to compose automatically a photo album comprising, for each of at least one image template, one of a sample image associated with that image template and a digital image captured in the image capture context corresponding to that image template.

Claim 36 (original).   The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic comprises program code configured to read the collection of image templates.

Claim 37 (original).   The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the collection of image templates and the image template control logic comprise an integrated collection of program code.

Claim 38 (original).   The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic operates in conjunction with a menu system of the digital camera.

Claim 39 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

    means for converting optical images to digital images; and

    means for storing a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in which a digital image may be captured by the means for converting optical images to digital images, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to a user selecting an image template from among the collection of image templates.

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Claim 40 (original). The digital camera of claim 39, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 41 (currently amended). A computer-readable storage medium <u>having encoded thereon a set of instructions, when executed by a computer, to implement a method guiding a user in the capture of digital images, the method comprising the steps of:</u>

<u>providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; and</u>

<u>providing, in response to the user selecting an image template, the image capture context</u>

~~containing program code for execution in a digital camera, comprising a first code segment that comprises a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera.~~

Claim 42 (original). The computer-readable storage medium of claim 41, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 43 (cancelled).

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Claim 44 (original). The computer-readable storage medium of claim 41, wherein at least one image template in the collection includes instructions for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

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